(a) and (b) There are no differences between the Central and the State Government about the Peace Initiative. The initiative was renewed by the Government after reviewing all aspects of the situation in its totality and benefitting from the deliberations in an all party meeting held on February 21, 2001.

Communal riots in the country

2790. SHRI MOHD. AZAM KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of communal riots that took place in the country during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and till date, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the number of persons killed, rendered homeless and become physically handicapped in those incidents; and

(c) the number of persons arrested in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Persons arrested under TADA

2791. SHRI MOHD. AZAM KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons arrested under the TADA throughout the country till 31st December, 2000, State-wise; and

(b) the number of persons released till 31st December, 2000 and also those who are still in jails?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Since law and order is a State subject, the information regarding number of persons arrested/released under Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1987 is not being Centrally maintained by the Ministry of Home Affairs.